Respond to the Issue for Part 3

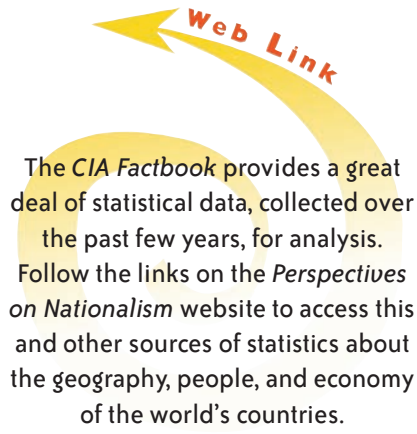
Examining Multiple Perspectives: Internationalism and Contemporary Global Affairs

Over the course of the last five chapters you investigated aspects of the Main Issue for Part 3: ***To what extent should internationalism be pursued?*** In this project, you will consider the issue by working with others to examine different perspectives on internationalism. Together, you will explore examples of internationalism in contemporary global affairs, and the impact they have had upon individual and collective identity.

1. In a small group, engage in research on a significant example of international involvement in contemporary times. You should brainstorm and conduct preliminary research to identify a variety of examples of contemporary international involvement from which to choose one example.
2. Next, collaborate to develop a group expository essay that presents multiple perspectives on the impact of the example of internationalism you researched.
3. As a team, present your research to the class.
4. Once you have heard and considered all of the presentations, participate in a group discussion to consider the Main Issue for Part 3: ***To what extent should internationalism be pursued?***
5. After participating in the class discussion, work individually to create a one- to two-page position paper in which you address the Main Issue for Part 3 and develop and defend your position by
   a) referencing examples from the presentations, and
   b) discussing several of the conflicting perspectives that arose through the presentations.

In your paper, remember to

- present a clear position
- support that position with strong and relevant positive and negative examples
- fairly address and evaluate the alternative positions
- restate your position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The *CIA Factbook* provides a great deal of statistical data, collected over the past few years, for analysis. Follow the links on the *Perspectives on Nationalism* website to access this and other sources of statistics about the geography, people, and economy of the world's countries.

The following guidelines will help you carry out the task outlined above:

- Limit your research to one instance of international involvement.
- Prepare to present your findings to the class in the form of a group-written expository essay according to the format outlined below.
- Include multiple perspectives on the impact and the desirability of this event.
- After the presentations, prepare to address the Main Issue: ***To what extent should internationalism be pursued?***
- Articulate and defend your position on the Main Issue.

An Expository Essay

An *expository essay* does not necessarily try to persuade. It merely presents a thorough exposition of an interesting theme. Your group-written expository essay should consist of the following components:

1. A clear and engaging introduction to the event under study in which your *thesis statement* is presented. A thesis statement is the point you will be arguing, or the position you hold on the issue. Your thesis statement should be developed early, as it will direct your research.
2. An exposition of the event, including a discussion of the actors, factors, issues, key events, and results. The body of your essay should consist of several paragraphs in which you provide examples that support and illustrate your thesis. Each paragraph should present one central idea with evidence to support its significance.
3. Several points of view or perspectives about the desirability or feasibility of the actions in the example. Often, the body of an expository essay contains paragraphs that address counter-arguments or concerns that could be raised by someone who opposes your position. You should consider what evidence and counter-arguments might oppose your position as you conduct your research.

Discussing the Issue

As a class, conduct a discussion on the Main Issue for Part 3: ***To what extent should internationalism be pursued?*** Ensure that each group contributes ideas from their presentation during the discussion. Remain open-minded, and seek to gather information that will help you think about this issue based on the criteria you have established. This will help you arrive at a reasoned judgment.

Reflecting on the Process

After the discussion, regroup and review the research and writing process. Consider how you analyzed the information. Were there any gaps in your knowledge that prevented you from presenting your ideas accurately? Did you provide support material to help present internationalism as mostly positive or mostly negative? How did you use any geographic information that you gathered? Did it enhance your understanding and your ability to present your ideas clearly?

Consider the writing process. Did you learn anything by developing your essay as a group? Were there parts of the essay that you would write differently to make your presentation more effective? How did you use primary and secondary sources? Did statistics, charts, and graphics enhance your ideas?

If you could choose one thing you wish you had done differently in the process, what would it be, and why?